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ACMS NEWSLETTER

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MESSIAH 2007 CONFERENCE

The 16th ACMS conference at Messiah College was a great experience for the 90+ delegates that attended. We shared the campus with a few other larger conference groups that added to the flavor of the meetings. Our hosts organized well, and planned a full schedule of activities, that were both academic and social. The Proceedings of the conference are in their final stage of editing, and a copy will be mailed later this fall to all who pay their dues for the 2007-2009 period. Our thanks are extended to Angela Hare, who served so well as conference coordinator, and all those at Messiah College who worked on our behalf to make this a good conference.

ACMS IN SAN DIEGO

As you begin to receive registration information and make plans to attend the joint meetings in San Diego, you should include the two ACMS activities in your plans. Roy Rosentrater is organizing the ACMS worship service which will open the meetings at 7 a.m. on Sunday, January 6. Then on Tuesday evening, January 8, we will enjoy the annual ACMS dinner and lecture. Francis Gouvêa (Colby College) will be the after-dinner speaker. Many of you enjoyed his talks at the 2005 ACMS conference at Huntington University. After we make arrangements with the hotel, we will put details on the ACMS website, along with information about purchasing tickets. We will also send an email message with these details.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

At the Messiah conference, the new officers and Board members were announced. Ray Rosentrater (Westmont) will serve as President, Matt DeLong (Taylor) will serve as Vice-President, and Kim Jongerius (Northwestern) will serve as Recording Secretary until June 30, 2009. Bryan Dawson (Union) and Jim Bradley (Calvin) will continue to serve in their roles as Webmaster and Online Journal Editor respectively.

We welcome the new Board members that you elected on the spring ballot for a 4 year term until June 30, 2011. These include Matt DeLong (Taylor), Judy Pallagallo (Akron), Troy Riggs (Union), and Mike Stob (Calvin). Our thanks go to Jim Bradley (Calvin), Chuck Hampton (Wooster), and Angela Hare (Messiah) who completed their Board duties on June 30, 2007.

CALL FOR NEW IDEAS

The Board meets regularly at every joint meeting to conduct the business of our organization. This coming spring, we are planning a special all day meeting to brainstorm new ideas for the future of ACMS. If you have some ideas, please share them with a Board member. We need your input! Remember that just 10 years ago, we did not have a webpage, an online journal, a worship service at the joint meetings, a slate of CS papers at the summer meetings, or the book Mathematics in a Postmodern Age that was written by ACMS members.

DUES AND MEMBERS

The dues structure will remain unchanged for the 2 year period from July 1, 2007 until June 30, 2009 at \$30 for a regular membership and \$15 for students and emeritus faculty. The membership includes a copy of the 2007 Conference Proceedings along with a new directory, which we plan to assemble in the spring of 2008. Be sure to correct your directory information on the enclosed dues statement if there are any changes.

We are also interested in adding new members to ACMS, and have provided a place for you to suggest names and addresses of people that we can contact. It would be fine for you to contact these people directly with an invitation to join. Don't forget your majors who are planning to attend graduate school. A copy of the new ACMS brochure is enclosed for you to share with others, and we can send you more copies if you wish.

ONLINE JOURNAL

We are much indebted to the effort of Jim Bradley (Calvin) to initiate the concept of an online journal and then to maintain it for our benefit. New items are added on a regular basis, so check it out if you have not done this recently. Let your students know about its availability also. If you have an ideas for a paper, send it to Jim who will arrange for it to be refereed.

There are many other items of information, such as faculty openings, that you can access on the ACMS web page (www.acmsonline.org).

WHEATON 2009 CONFERENCE

The 17th ACMS conference will be held from May 27-30, 2009 at Wheaton College. Terry Perciante will serve as the conference coordinator, and is interested in receiving your input regarding special features for this conference. A call for papers will go out in the fall of 2008. We are pleased to announce that David Bressoud, a colleague of Wayne Roberts at Macalester College and the MAA President-elect will be our main mathematics speaker at this event.

We are also looking for a host school to sponsor the 2011 conference. Our usual pattern would call for a west coast location, although a Canadian school has also expressed an interest in hosting a conference. So now is the time to let the Board know of your interest in hosting a future conference.

CS INPUT

We are glad for the growing number of CS faculty in the ACMS membership. Gene Chase (Messiah) serves as the CS representative (without voting privileges) on the Board. Computer science ideas can be channeled through Gene for consideration by the Board.